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In Re Application of:

Jenny LOUIE-HELM et al.

Confirmation No.: 1055

Serial No.: 10/014,750

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filing Date: October 25, 2001

Examiner: Blessing M. FUBARA

Title: FORMULATION OF AN ERODIBLE, GASTRIC RETENTIVE ORAL DOSAGE FORM
USING IN VITRO DISINTEGRATION TEST DATA

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 12, 2003, in which the Examiner required restriction between the following two groups of claims:

- (I) Claims 1-40, drawn to erodible dosage form; and
- (II) Claims 41-44, drawn to a method for selecting and optimized controlled dosage form.

In response, applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, she is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 330-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Requirement for Restriction dated February 12, 2003. The following documents are also enclosed:

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time (one month);
- ☒ A check for \$55.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee; and
- ☒ A Return Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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